

Page 14, lines 18-22 delete these five lines in their entirety.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 1 in amended form as follows:

1. (Amended) A dispensing tip for use with precision dispensing apparatus for delivering controlled amounts of viscous fluid to a selected location comprising:
 - a) a body having an inlet at one end adapted for connection in fluid communication with precision dispensing apparatus and having an outlet at another end of the body;
 - b) a fluid conducting passage in the body for connecting the inlet to the outlet, the passage having a first portion converging in a direction immediately from the inlet to an intermediate location in the body and a second portion of constant diameter extending from the intermediate location to the outlet; [and]
 - c) so that the passage conducts fluid from the inlet to the outlet in a continuous and uninterrupted manner[.]; and
 - d) wherein the body has a longitudinal axis and the first and second portions extend along the axis and wherein the diameter of a drop of viscous fluid leaving the outlet is directly proportional to the ratio of the

axial length of the second portion to the axial length of the first portion.

Claim 6, on lines one and two, change "in combination with" to -- further comprising --.

Please cancel claim 8 in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Please rewrite claim 9 in amended form as follows:

9. (Amended) A dispensing tip for use with [the] precision dispensing apparatus for delivering controlled amounts of fluid to a selected location comprising:

- a) a body of ceramic material having an inlet at one end adapted for connection in fluid communication with precision dispensing apparatus and having an outlet at another end of the body; and
- b) a fluid conducting passage in the body for connecting the inlet to the outlet, the passage being shaped to conduct fluid from the inlet to the outlet in a continuous and uninterrupted manner[.], said passage having a portion converging in a direction immediately from the inlet and extending toward the outlet.

Please add new claims 14-16 as follows:

14. A dispensing tip according to claim 9, further comprising a protective housing.

15. A dispensing tip according to claim 14, further including a standoff member extending from the housing for